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THENSINGNEWS

DPL begins Manpower Planning in October



Go to the Labor Office in the case of a work dispute

Employers are being asked by the newly formed Departmento Progresso Laboral, DPL, to stop by their offices in the APFA building or download forms for the Manpower Planning 2012. Richenel Stamper of the DPL explained they will be accept-

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ing the filled in forms after September 19 at their Sabana Blanco offices, and assessing the labor needs of businesses beginning October 1 through March of next year.

The purpose of the Manpower Project is to match the right worker to the right position, possibly avoiding the necessity of importing outside labor. Legal residents of Aruba seeking work are encouraged to register at the DPL offices to be eligible for these positions. They need to bring with them a valid form of ID; either a cedula,



Richenel Stamper

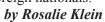
driver's license or a passport and a Afls. 5 paper from the Census office. Non-Aruban born residents must be able to show a valid resident and work permit.

DPL also offers free consultation to business owners in assessing their personnel requirements. This is a service offered free by the DPL,

and managers should ascertain that a qualified and official representative of the DPL offices is doing the assessment. They can be identified by their badge and will carry proper identification. Richenel reminded businesses that an official representative of the DPL will not require payment for this service. If the individual states otherwise, DPL requests they be notified by calling 52-5555.

Mr. Stamper concluded yesterday's informative meeting with a request for workers to be aware that the DPL does NOT handle labor disputes or complaints; this is still under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor, located in the DA Building on L.G. Smith Boulevard.

Since DPL opened their doors there seems to have been some confusion in that regard. The Department of Labor has not moved to the APFA building, DPL is an offshoot comprised of only the Job Center and handling the investigation of eligibility for the issuance of work permits for foreign nationals.





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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Ex-media mogul Conrad Black goes back to jail



CHICAGO (AFP) - Deposed media mogul Conrad Black traded tailored suits for prison garb for the second time Tuesday after failing to fully clear himself of fraud and obstruction charges, US prison officials said.

The flamboyant newspaper baron and British Lord -- who once counted politicians and pop stars among his entourage -- reported to prison as a memoir professing his innocence and detailing his remarkable fall from grace hit bookshelves.

Black, 67, was forced out

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of the global media empire he'd built out of his Toronto offices in 2003 after shareholders accused him of engaging in a \$500 million "corporate kleptocracy."

US prosecutors charged Black and his associates with skimming off some \$60 million from his global newspaper empire between 1999 and 2001.

They were ultimately convicted of stealing \$6.1 million by awarding themselves tax-free bonuses from newspaper sell-offs without the approval of the board of the Hollinger holding company.

Black had served 29 months of a 78-month sentence when the US Supreme Court tossed out the "honest services" law that had formed the basis of his 2007 conviction

He was released last year while his case was reexamined by the courts but only succeeded in shedding two of the four counts for which he was originally convicted.

That brought the total fraud down to \$600,000, of which Black received less than half.

At his resentencing hearing in June, Black railed against prosecutors for refusing to concede after he evaded conviction on 13 of 17 counts and had two more overturned on appeal.

Black's lawyers made an impassioned plea to Judge Amy St. Eve asking for him to be sentenced to just the 29 months he has already served in jail.

St. Eve instead sentenced him to 42 months in prison for the remaining counts, telling Black, "I still scratch my head as to why you engaged in this conduct."

Black will get credit for time already served and it is up to the Bureau of Prisons to determine how at least three months of credit for good behavior will be factored into his remaining term.

US concerned about Israel-Turkey row



Protestors burn an Israeli flag during a demonstration in front of the Israeli consulate in Istanbul

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States expressed concern Tuesday over a diplomatic row between its allies Turkey and Israel, urging them to "de-escalate" their dispute over an Israeli commando operation.

"We are concerned," said State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland after Ankara raised the stakes by announcing it was suspending military and defense industry ties with Israel.

The dispute stems from an Israeli commando raid in international waters on a Turkish vessel that was taking aid to the Palestinian territory of Gaza.

The United Nations criticized Israel for using "excessive" force in the 2010 raid, which left nine people dead, but upheld Israel's right to impose a naval blockade on Gaza. Israel has refused Turk-

ish demands for an apology.

Secretary of State
Hillary Clinton raised
US concerns about
the row in Paris last
week with Turkish
Foreign Minister
Ahmet Davotoglu.
And the United
States has had discussions with the Israelis
about it in recent
days, Nuland said.

"Our emphasis with both the government of Turkey and

the government of Israel is to hope that we can de-escalate, we can defuse, and we can get them back to talking about improving their relationship," she said.

"There are freedom of navigation issues for both Turkey and for Israel. But we want to avoid future confrontations, and we want both of these strong allies of the United States to get back to a place where they have a good working relationship with each other," she said.

On Tuesday, Turkish

On Tuesday, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Ankara had "suspended all military agreements, especially the commercial ties in defence industry."

"Israel has always played the role of a spoilt child," Erdogan said in reference to Israel's attitude towards the Palestinians.

Libyan troops advance on Sirte in heavy fighting

UMM KHUNFIS (AFP) - Troops loyal to Libya's new rulers advanced at least eight kilometres (five miles) towards Moamer Kadhafi's hometown of Sirte in heavy fighting on Tuesday, commanders said.

One government soldier was killed and two wounded, while at least one of Kadhafi's men lost his life, they added.

The fighting east of Sirte brought fighters of the National Transitional Council (NTC) to within less than 80 kilometres (50 miles) of the city, one commander told AFP.

"The clashes were very intense," another commander, Mustafa Bendardaf, said.

"Five enemy vehicles were taken out. Three were de-

stroyed in NATO air strikes and two were captured by our men," he said.

An AFP correspondent behind the frontline heard intense artillery exchanges throughout the day.

Another NTC commander, Adel Semfez, said that the fighting had been sparked by a reconnoitre launched at dawn by a unit led by famed rebel commander Selim Nabus, which had ambushed a pro-Kadhafi convoy destroying four vehicles and capturing a fifth.

"It was a fairly routine engagement for this front line," he added, stressing that it did not mark the launch of a major offensive on Sirte.



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Seven Police officers receive promotion







Last Friday, September 2, the Aruba Police Force High Commissioner presented seven (7) police officers with a decree, promoting them to a higher rank. The event took place at Police Headquarters, Macuarima 65.

The police officers now advancing in rank are:

- Mrs. Irma Gordon: as of January 1, 2010 has occupied the function of High Inspector.

- Mr. Eric Soemers since January 1, 2007 was promoted as Inspector First Class, and on January 1, 2010 as High Inspector,

- Mr. Adrick Croes, as of January 1, 2010, was promoted as High Inspector.

- Mr. Naldi Tromp was promoted as Inspector First Class on March 1, 2010

- Mr. Ronny Geerman as Inspector First Class on September 1, 2010

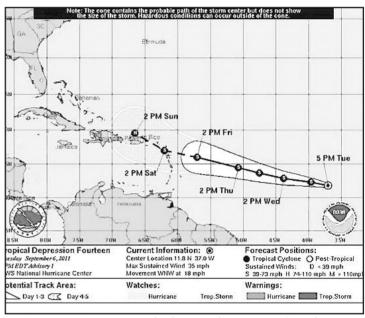
- Mr. Gino Winklaar as Inspector First Class on January 1, 2009

- Mr. Fredson Panneflek as Inspector First Class on April 1, 2008

Police Chief Adolpho Richardson congratulated the seven police officers and reminded them that their high ranking position is accompanied by more responsibility towards their job. Afterwards he handed them their individual promotional decree and insignia.

Photos show the group during last Fridays meeting; Mr. Naldi Tromp; and Mr. Adrick Croes

Tropical Depression 14 forms; Katia weakens to Category 2 hurricane



MIAMI — A new tropical depression formed over the Atlantic Ocean and could become a tropical storm. It is expected to pass over or near Puerto Rico by Sunday.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Katia is continuing to weaken over the Atlantic Ocean and is now a Category 2 storm.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami says Katia's maximum sustained winds had dropped to 105 mph (169 kph).

Forecast maps show Katia veering to the northeast away from the U.S. mainland in the coming week. But the hurricane center says large swells could affect the East Coast, Bermuda, the Greater Antilles and parts of the Bahamas over the next few days.

Katia was centered late yesterday bout 345 miles (555 kilometers) south-southwest of Bermuda and moving northwest at 9 mph (15 kph).

The center of Hurricane Katia was located about 370 miles south of Bermuda. The storm is moving toward the

northwest near 9 mph.

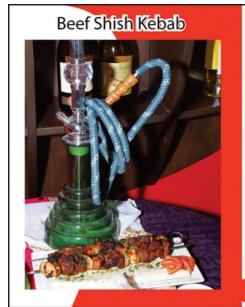
The core of Katia is expected to move over the western Atlantic between Bermuda and the East Coast of the U.S.

Maximum sustained winds have decreased to near 120 mph with higher gusts.

Elsewhere in the Atlantic, satellite images indicate that the shower activity associated with a low pressure area centered about 680 miles west-southwest of the southernmost Cape Verde islands is gradually becoming better organized.

The system could form into a tropical depression today.





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San Nicolaas Project Plan Now Approved!

SAN NICOLAAS -- On August 24th the Project File of the government's ambitious project plan for San Nicolaas was submitted by the Prime Minister, Ministers de Meza and Sievinger to the director of the Department of Eco-

nomic Affairs. Director, Maria Dijkhoff-Pita promised at that time that she would put her experts to work on reviewing the project file as rapidly as possible.

The pleasant news received this week is that the

ambitious and expansive Project Plan of the government for San Nicolaas has been reviewed by the Department of Economic Affairs and has received their approval!

According to the govern-

ment's Infra Team, the Project File complies with all the strict requirements of the Department Economic Affairs, which qualifies it to be forwarded to FDA (Aruba Development Fund) who will do their deliberations on the file. They will examine the Project File in light of their criteria for approval for financing.

The San Nicolaas Project File entails the renovation of the San Nicolaas district under the integral "BoAruba" Plan.

It is hoped that by the end of this month they can initiate the first of the several projects under the total San Nicolaas Plan. A section of the Plan involves the renovation of the Water Tower, which is expected to become a beautiful monument with an adjacent Market Place. It also includes the renovation of the Village which has not received a facelift for many years.

The plan also includes the building of two parks in the San Nicolaas area. One of



these parks will be on the land that the refinery will bequeath to the government. There will also be a Carnival Museum in the Pastoor Hendrikstraat where the rich culture of Aruba will be displayed.

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Aruba Marking another Milestone - Obligatory Additional Pension for all citizens!

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba is well on the way to becoming the third country in the world to have an obligatory additional pension program for all private sector citizens!

This week the Prime Minister and his advisers presented the law proposal for an additional obligatory pension plan for the private sector to members of the National Social Dialogue.

According to the Prime Minister, the goal of this additional pension program is to ensure that citizens in the private sector would have a decent income when they reach their retirement age of 60. Currently, private sector employees who go on pension receive the government's old age retirement fund, which is a mere Fls. 1800 for couples and less for single people.

During this week's Social Dialogue, the Prime Minister and his advisers will explain the contents of the law proposal for which they seek approval to be sent to

Parliament. The Prime Minister requested the group to deliberate on the particular format that should be used to implement the project, and what should be changed or adjusted. The group was given three days to do their deliberations. The hope is that an agreement can be reached in time to send the document to Parliament for final approval so that it can be implemented as of January 1st 2012.

The basis for the size of the premium is set for 6% to be divided equally between employer and employee. However, they do not intend to introduce the program at this level just yet. The intention is to start with 2% and within three years it should grow to the 6% accorded.

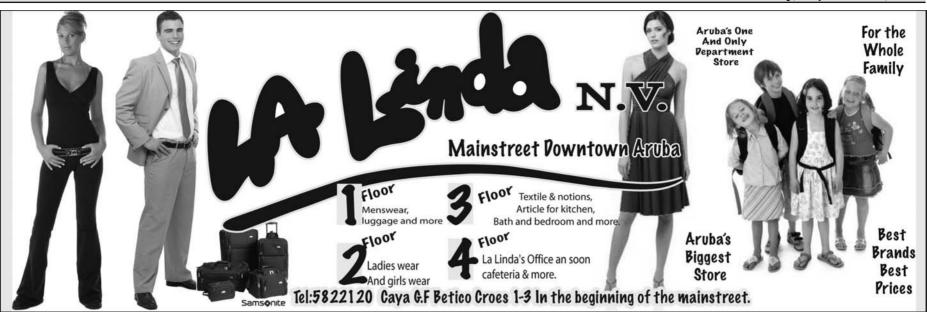
The Prime Minister remarked that this pension plan illustrates the responsibility of the Aruban people. This is an evidence of the solidarity of the employer for his employee as both will be contributing to the pension



informed as to what tran-In the course of the ensuspired in the Social Dialogue. ing weeks the public will be We will learn what changes before it goes to Parliament.

and/or adaptations were suggested to be made to the plan





Sci-Tech

NASA mulls 'what-ifs' of unmanned space station

WASHINGTON (AFP) - NASA is mulling the worst-case scenarios of leaving the \$100 billion International Space Station unstaffed for a period of time following the crash of a Russian rocket, US astronauts said Tuesday.

Two Americans aboard the ISS, Ron Garan and Mike Fossum, told reporters in a video press conference from space that they have begun minimal preparations, namely taking video of some tasks in order to quickly train future station staff.

However, NASA mission managers in Houston are hard at work on contingency plans after both Russia and the United States admitted that abandoning the research outpost, at least temporarily, is a possibility.

"You have to start working right now to say 'what if?" said Fossum. "There are a lot of efforts going on to look at all of the different options that could possibly come into play."

Six people -- three Russians, two Americans and one Japanese astronaut -- typically staff the research station on six month rotations.

But last month's failure of a Russian Soyuz rocket to lift its unmanned Progress cargo vehicle into orbit has raised questions about the ability of Russia to tote people to the ISS.

The same rocket technology is used for crew capsules. An investigation into why the rocket failed is now in its second week.

Russia's space agency is now conducting a check of all its rockets after the disaster, which followed three other failed launches of satellites since December in an unprecedented catalogue of accidents.

When the US space shuttle program ended earlier this year, Russia became the sole nation capable of carrying humans to space.

"It'is possible that we will have a station without people on it for hopefully a short period of time," said Fossum.

"We haven't started anything specific up here pertaining to that except for maybe documenting some of the things that we do on video so we that can use video products for part of the training for the next crew," he added.

"The teams in Houston are in the preliminary stages of deciding everything from what ventilation we are going to leave running, what lights we are going to leave on... every tank, every valve, every hatch."

Some of the more dire possibilities include a leak that could depressurize a big section of the lab, or an ammonia pump breakdown which would disrupt cooling to the station.

A failure in the cooling system last year required three complex spacewalks to swap in a new pump.

"The space station does require some care and feeding so it is important for us to be here if we possibly can," said Fossum.

The ISS, which orbits 350 kilometers (220 miles) above Earth, is a sophisticated platform for scientific experiments bringing together space agencies from Russia, the United States, Europe, Japan, and Canada.

Former US official to head cybersecurity at Sony

SONY

Japanese electronics giant Sony, which suffered a huge data breach this year, named a former top US Department of Homeland Security official on Tuesday to lead its cybersecurity efforts.

Philip Reitinger, who worked at US software giant Microsoft before joining the US government, has been appointed Sony's chief information officer and a senior vice president, Sony said in a statement.

Reitinger will be Sony's top cybersecurity executive, responsible for information security, privacy and Internet safety, Sony said.

A graduate of Vanderbilt University and Yale University, Reitinger was named a deputy undersecretary in the Department of Homeland Security in March 2009.

He resigned from that position in May.

Sony's PlayStation Network, Qriocity music streaming service and Sony Online Entertainment were targeted by hackers beginning in April in cyberattacks that resulted in one of the biggest data breaches since the advent of the Internet.

Over 100 million accounts were affected and Sony said it could not rule out that millions of credit card numbers may have been compromised. It has since restored its online services.

The cyberattacks threatened to cause deep damage to Sony's brand image and the company's efforts to link its gadgets to an online network of games, movies and music.



CHINA, HONG KONG: An electric cable is plugged into a "smart" electric car during its press preview in Hong Kong on September 6, 2011. Following successful pilot programs in several cities, Hong Kong's first European electric car is intended to bring the city's drivers closer to emission-free mobility. (AFP PHOTO)

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Health & Living

Cancers among 9/11 workers spark political firestorm

NEW YORK (AFP) - "Never forget!" was the motto of the first responders who rushed to the burning World Trade Center on 9/11, but 10 years on some say they have been abandoned by their country to fight cancer and mounting medical bills.

Once hailed as heroes, thousands now say they have fallen victim to a host of ailments -- from asthma to cancer -- due to their exposure to the toxic debris pile left by the Twin Towers' collapse on September 11, 2001.

Compensation funds set up by the US government do not recognize cancer as a condition caused by exposure to the World Trade Center clean-up operation, and a political battle is brewing.

"This is almost 10 years later. I mean, how do you praise guys after 9/11 and then just turn your back?" asked Jeff Stroehlein, 47, a retired New York City firefighter who is battling brain cancer after

working at Ground Zero.

Stroehlein and others with cancer have no doubt that their illnesses took root a decade ago as they scoured the debris for human remains and helped clean up the mess for time spans ranging from weeks to nearly a full year.

But until last week -- when a study in the Lancet showed that New York City firefighters who rushed to the doomed twin towers were 19 percent more likely to have cancer than their non-exposed colleagues -- there was scant scientific data to back up their claims.

In July, the government's first periodic review of cancer as part of the World Trade Center Health program found that there was "insufficient evidence" to add cancer to the list of WTC-related health conditions.

According to the Fealgood Foundation, an advocacy group for first responders run by John Feal, a construction worker who was injured at the site, 1,020 of the estimated 40,000 WTC workers and volunteers have died from health complications.

A total of 345 members of the fire department and 45 police officers have since died from cancer, surpassing the death toll on the day itself when 343 firefighters and 23 police lost their lives, Feal said.

One major study of nearly 10,000 Ground Zero workers and residents released about five years after the attacks found that 70 percent of them faced new or worsening lung problems after 9/11.

"Most often what we see are the breathing problems -the sinus issues, the heart burn issues and mental health issues, those are quite common," said one doctor, Vrajesh Patel.

Health Tip:

Home Remedies for Dark Cirkles Under eyes and Puffiness

Dark circles under eyes usually aren't a sign of exhaustion or serious illness, though they can make you feel old, unhealthy and tired. Home Remedies that Remove Dark Circles under the eyes are fairly easy to find, here are some;

*Almond Oil works great (Massage under and around the eyes with almond oil daily for

2 weeks.

*Green tea bags on the eyes (when cool, rest on eyes for 15-20 minutes)

*Get plenty of sleep (sleep plays a huge role in the appearance of dark circles.

*Vitamin E and Vitamin C. (Diet plays a very important part in dark circle prevention so remember to include a decent

amount of vegetables in your diet)

*Leave a spoon in the freezer for about 10 minutes. then take it out and rest to the under-eye area.

*Cucumber or Potato slices (Do this daily, while lying down for 10-15 minute)

*Drink Lots of Water (Dehydration can cause bags under the eyes)

Killer hospital bug shows Achilles heel: researchers

PARIS (AFP) - A fungus that has become a major threat to hospital patients may have a hidden weakness, according to research published that highlights the bug's ability to bind to human tissue.

Candida albicans is widespread among humans, but normally does not affect health other than as vaginal or oral yeast infections, also called thrush.

But in medical settings, C. albans is a peril for sick people or individuals whose immune system has been compromised by cancer, HIV or organ transplant.

It is the fourth commonest source of hospital-acquired infections, often through plastic surfaces implanted in the body such as catheters, prosthetic joints or heart devices.

In the severest cases, nearly

half of those infected die.

Adding to the problem is that C. albicans is a stealthy foe, able to change the structure of its cell wall to outsmart new drugs.

The latest research, published in a US journal, highlights a promising target: the mechanism that the yeast uses to latch on to human cells and colonise them, thanks to a tiny part of a protein call Als adhesin.

Cota's team used hi-tech scanners to probe the structure of the elusive protein.

The next step is to test experimental compounds on lab-dish samples of the fungus to see whether this will block the binding action.

The study appears in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).





Cholera still a serious threat in the Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO - The death of 20 people in two weeks in the Dominican Republic does not offer an optimistic control panorama for the cholera epidemic, said here on Monday Doctor Senen Caba, president of the Dominican Medical College (CMD).

Dr. Caba answered questions from Prensa Latina at the CMD venue Monday, and said the local Public Health Ministry does not offer exact or transparent data, since a high mortality rate by cholera is still being registered.

"Besides this, the weak public investment in the sector, which is hardly 1.2 percent of the Gross Domestic Product, is also adding to the difficulties in controlling the disease," said Dr. Caba.

The most recent outbreaks occurred in San Juan de la Maguana and Samana, and were disregarded by the Public Health Ministry. In a community called La Victoria, 14 people died but they were not recognized.

Dr. Caba said that given the conditions of overcrowding, lack of drinkable water and extreme poverty, he recommended that people constantly wash their hands, chlorinate the water with a spoonful per gallon, and use latrines to avoid infection by excrement.

If the person feels any symptom such as diarrhea, vomiting or fever, he or she must immediately go to the closest primary health attention center.

The real statistics of the cholera epidemic show that more than 250 people have died, and sick people since November 2010 up to now double the 15,000 reported by the Public Health Ministry.

Brazil Kaxinawa Indian 'may be world's oldest woman'

If Maria's birth certificate is right, she is nearly six years older than the verified oldest living woman

Maria Lucimar Pereira, a member of the Kaxinawa tribe in the Amazon, is 121 years old, says a tribal rights group.

It says she has a birth certificate showing she was born in 1890.

But the Guinness Book of Records says she has not been registered with them. The verified oldest living woman is 115-year-old American Besse Cooper.

Maria puts her longevity down to a healthy lifestyle, Survival International said with regular dishes including grilled meat, monkey, fish, the root vegetable manioc and banana porridge, and no salt, sugar or processed foods.

She has never lived in a city and does not speak Portuguese, only the language of her tribe, the Kaxinawa, which inhabits Brazil's western Amazon and eastern Peru.

She remains physically ac-

tive, community leader Carlos told Survival - walking around the village telling stories and visiting grandchildren in neighbouring areas.

Guinness World Records said it had no record of contact from Maria Lucimar Pereira or anyone on her behalf. It said the oldest verified living person remained Besse Cooper.

"We would be very interested in hearing from anyone who believes they are older than this [and] can provide documentary evidence," the



company's Damian Field said. But Survival says her birth

certificate, which it has a copy of, was issued in 1985



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Honoring at Marriott Hotel-Surf Club



Recently, ATA rep Darline de Cuba had the great pleasure in honoring loyal Aruba visitors with their distinctive certificates. These certificates are a way to say "Masha Danki" for continuously choosing Aruba as a favorite vacation destination. Mr.Terry T. Brown, and Terry T. Brown Jr. from Baltimore, Maryland were honored as Distinguished Visistors of Aruba, They have been vacationing here for more than 10 consecutiove years. The reason? Aruba's friendly people and the nice weather. Also honored were Raffaella Tutela and Rosemary Higgins from New Jersey, as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. Both have been coming here for more than 20 consecutive years. They state they like to come here 'because Aruba is a good place to relax and forget all your troubles." Photo shows the honorees with Darline de Cuba, Marriott Surf Club representative Luzdary Leest and John van der Linden.

Van der Sloot charged with murder



LIMA -- Peruvian authorities have charged Joran van der Sloot with murder in the death of a Peruvian woman.

Van der Sloot was arrested in June of last year, but was not formally charged until Thursday.

Prosecutors are asking for a 30-year prison sentence and a restitution payment of \$73,000 to the family of Stephany Flores. They also charged van der Sloot with theft.

Charged alongside van der Sloot were three Peruvian driers who allegedly helped him flee into Chile. Prosecutors want five-year prison sentences for them and fines of about \$1,800.

Flores was found dead in van der Sloot's Lima hotel room in May 2010. Police say van der Sloot took money and bank cards from her wallet and fled to Chile, where he was arrested a few days later.

Earlier this month, Flores' family urged prosecutors to file charges, warning that van der Sloot could be released by December unless the case goes ahead. Under Peruvian law, if a suspect's trial doesn't was an isolated out any furthe lence," Luis Jir said. "We have peru under si stances that ha than 25 years."

begin within 18 months of his arrest, he is set free.

Investigators delivered their case file to prosecutors in June for a decision on charges.

No date has been set for trial. But the Lima-based court said, in a news release, that a hearing on the case has been scheduled for the morning of September 12.

At the hearing, prosecutors will present the charges and van der Sloot's lawyers will be given the chance to respond.

The defendant has received a notice to appear for the proceeding, to which journalists and TV cameras will be allowed access, the court said.

Van der Sloot's attorney said that the defense was expecting the charges to be filed, given the high-profile nature of the case.

"We think 30 years is too much for this crime since it was an isolated incident without any further acts of violence," Luis Jimenez Navarro said. "We have had cases in Peru under similar circumstances that have gotten less than 25 years."

End of Summer Bikini Beach Bash



A hot, hot party at MooMba Beach signaled the end of the holiday period for many visitors and locals. Aptly called End of Summer Bikini Beach Bash, it was held on Sunday, September 4. With its bikini and board short dress code it was an invitation to go wild, dance in the sand and have loads of fun.

The band Tsunami was in

top form, playing its rousing salsa music to the delight of the crowd on a terrific stage, built by Purple Entertainment. The party atmosphere went up a notch or two or more when the entire MooMba bar staff disrobed and displayed their coolest bikinis and board shorts to applause, whistles and applause. Wow! It was the perfect end of a terrific summer

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Finance

Europe debt crisis, US woes weigh on Wall Street

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stock markets slumped Tuesday amid fears that Europe's sovereign debt crisis was spinning out of control and concerns about the United States's own shaky economy.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 100.96 points (0.90 percent) to close at 11,139.30, its third straight trading day with triple-digit losses

The broader S&P 500 fell 8.73 points (0.74 percent) to 1,165.24, while the Nasdaq Composite, buoyed by surprising strength in the tech sector, slipped only 6.50 points (0.26 percent) to 2,473.83.

US stocks plunged more than two percent after markets reopened from a long holiday weekend with investors concerned that Greece would fail to meet debt-cutting goals and that Germany would drop support to the latest Greece bailout

The global jitters sent US government debt, a traditional safe-haven asset, briefly surging to new record highs.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dropped to a historic low of 1.929 percent before bouncing back. Bond yields and prices move in opposite directions.

turnaround The was boosted by positive data on the US service sector, which grew more than expected in August, according to a monthly survey by the Institute for Supply Management.

The ISM index of non-manufacturing activity rose to 53.3 percent last month, up from 52.7 percent in July. Any level above 50 indicates growth.

Investors hunting for bargains also helped the stock market pare its early losses,

with gains by technology companies like Apple and Netflix, both up 1.5 percent.

International Paper surged 8.9 percent after the paper and packaging company said it had reached a \$4.3 billion takeover deal with its rival Temple-Inland, whose own shares skyrocketed 25.3 percent.

Sunoco jumped 5.3 percent after the fuel vendor announced it was exiting the lowmargin refining business.

Bank stocks ended the day with sharp losses, with Bank of America down 3.6 percent, Citigroup off 2.5 percent and JPMorgan Chase down 3.4 percent.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dropped to 1.98 percent from 2.00 percent late Friday, while that on the 30year bond dropped to 3.24 percent from 3.31 percent.



MANASSAS: US Postal Service mail delivery trucks sit idle at the Manassas Post Office in Virginia on September 5, 2011. The New York Times reported that the US Postal Service is on the brink of default unless Congress takes emergency action to shore up finances.

AFP PHOTO

Chinese firms to strengthen Venezuela iron sector

(AFP) **CARACAS** Venezuela on Tuesday announced agreements worth more than \$500 million with three Chinese companies to boost iron production and transport in the latest strengthening of bilateral ties.

The first contract will see Hong Kong-based Wisco International Resources Development provide machinery and spare parts for railroads at a cost of \$200 million, the state news agency AVN reported.

The other two agreements, with the China Communications Construction Company (CCCC), for \$161 million each, will improve iron transport infrastructure in and

around the eastern river port of Palua and dredge the Orinoco River.

Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez has moved to strengthen ties with China in recent years as a counterweight to the United States, which he frequently denounces as an "imperial" power.

China has invested heavily in Venezuela's oil, gas and mining sectors in recent years and has sold Caracas 18 Chinese K-8 fighter jets.

The two countries have also agreed to build a \$140 million observation satellite in Asia and launch it from South America in 2012.

UN agency warns austerity measures could impact growth

GENEVA (AFP) - The global economy will grow by 3.1 percent in 2011, but austerity measures in eurozone countries could pose a risk to the economic recovery, the United Nations said Tuesday.

"Global GDP is expected to grow 3.1 percent in 2011, following an increase of 3.9 percent in 2010," the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in a summary of its flag-

YESTERDAY'S **Crossword Answer**

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However, "with the unresolved euro crisis, the reappearance of severe debt market stress in the second quarter of 2011 and the prospect of austerity measures spreading across Europe, there is a high risk that the eurozone will continue to act as a significant drag on the global recovery," it said.

The causes of this possible stagnation, he explained, were fiscal retrenchment and low wage recovery.

For the first time in the United States we do not have

wage increases anymore.... We have a wageless recovery.

These lowered expectations, Flassbeck said, would in turn lead to lower consumption and investments.

The report's summary highlights the need for boosting global demand as a way to ward off these economic risks, including for example, "an explicit policy of increasing wages" in certain countries, such as Germany.

Finally, it proposed a series of financial regulations, for example, to limit speculation and regulated exchange rates.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



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Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and econ-



omy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

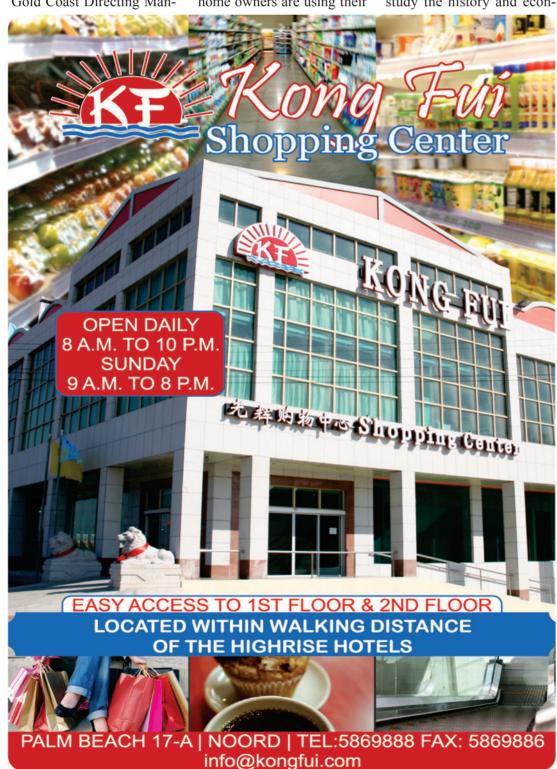
Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service, There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at

Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and preshopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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Al Pacino honoured in Venice, but says future is 'blank'



US actor and director Al Pacino delivers which explores a speech after receiving the Glory to the the Filmaker Awardduring a ceremony at the use of sexuality. **68th Venice International Film Festival.**

VENICE (AFP) - American movie star Al Pacino said his future was "blank" and criticised his latest directorial effort, "Salome," ahead of the film's public screening at the Venice film festival.

"The Godfather" star is in Venice to receive the "Glory to the Filmmaker" award for artists who have left an original mark on contemporary cinema, but said he had "no idea" where he had been going with his latest work.

"I didn't know where I was going, I'm confused," he said about "Salome," a documentary and feature film melange based on Oscar Wilde's play, the biblical tale of Salome and King Herod

destructive Pacino comes both cre-

ator and protagonist, as he documents the challenges of making the film, while playing himself, King Herod and, in one scene, Oscar Wilde -with rising American star Jessica Chastain in the role of Sa-

His obsession with Wilde -- an Irish writer who was imprisoned and sentenced to two years hard labour for gross indecency with other men -- underpins the film, but Pacino said he regretted not exploring the playwright's life further.

"I don't think I covered enough of Wilde's personality. He was a provocateur with a superior mind -- a rare person and a great artist," he said.

Looking back over his career -- which has included films such as "Dog Day Afternoon" or "Carlito's Way," and his first docudrama "Looking for Richard" in 1996 -- Pacino said he had long been "torn between" cinema and theatre.

"I started to take things I liked, an idea or a play, and I filmed it. I've made five or six movies on my own, which nobody knows about," he said.

"Looking for Richard got away, now Salome has got out too," he joked.

But the 71-year old, who turned up to the press conference in a white silk shirt with several buttons undone -- apparently the same one that he wore to a party on the island the night before -- said he had no plans for the future.

'My future? It's blank," he said.

PALM BEACH # 184



SAO PAOLO: Miss Aruba 2011, Gillain Berry, joins the band on the stage during a samba rehearsal at Vila Maria School of Samba in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The 60th annual Miss Universe beauty pageant will be held on September 12 at Credicard Hall in Sao Paulo.

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Captain Cook steers England to easy win over India



Alastair Cook

SOUTHAMPTON (AFP) -Captain Alastair Cook led from the front as England took a 1-0 lead in the one-day series with a seven wicket win over India here at the Rose Bowl on Tuesday.

After Saturday's no result in Durham, Cook made 80 not out as England overhauled India's total of 187-8 made in their 23 overs, with five balls to spare, after the match was shortened because of rain.

The skipper is not in England's Twenty20 team and there were suggestions that he could leave himself out when the match was truncated.

But he made nonsense of those opinions as he and Essex clubmate Ravi Bopara (24) milked the Indian bowling attack, missing some of its bigger names, after Cook and Kieswetter had got England off to a rapid start.

Cook, not considered a one-day player until he was made captain at the start of the season, got to his seventh one-day international 50 in 37 balls, controlled the run chase and even unveiled a reverse sweep.

With eight overs left the run rate was down to a run a ball and with wickets in hand England cruised home.

Kieswetter got the England reply off to a flyer making 46 from 25 balls with three sixes, including two successive sixes from the spin of Ravichandran Ash-

Kieswetter has attracted some criticism for making good starts and not finishing the job off and was guilty of that again as he was trapped leg before in the seventh over.

Bell came in and immediately hit two fours off the back foot to help England race past the 100 mark in the tenth over and break the back of their target before he holed out at extra cover for 25.

India's total was built on 54 from Ajinka Rahane - in just his second one-day international - and a whirlwind 40 from Suresh Raina, made from 19 balls.

With the match shortened Raina was in Twenty20 mode

as he hit three fours and three sixes and accelerated the Indian run rate towards the end of the innings before he was well caught by Ben Stokes in the final over.

Tim Bresnan took two of his three wickets in that last over but the pick of the England bowlers was Graeme Swann who finished with 3-33 from five overs and gave his captain some control when India looked like getting away in the middle

Rahul Dravid chipped in with 32 and opener Parthiv Patel made 28 of the first 30 runs before he was caught behind off James Anderson.

The third international in the five-match series takes place at the Oval in London on Friday.

Spain qualify for **Euro 2012**

Defending champions Spain qualified for Euro 2012 after a 6-0 victory over Liechtenstein here on Tuesday.

Victory sees the Spanish join Italy and Germany in having qualified by right, this trio joining joint hosts Poland and Ukraine.

The somewhat controversially world number one ranked team Holland, beaten by Spain in last year's World Cup final, are all but certain to join them as they beat Finland 2-0 away to make it eight wins from eight qualifiers and need a point from their two remaining matches.

One of those is against the only team that can catch them Sweden, who beat woeful San Marino 5-0 leaving the losers pointless and having conceded 46 goals in their nine matches.

England too took a giant step towards the finals with a somewhat fortuitous 1-0 win over Wales at Wembley, Ashley Young's early goal proving just enough, though, veteran Welsh striker Robert Earnshaw will have nightmares for a long time to come at how he came to miss an open goal.

The Euro 2000 champions France, though, still have it all to do as they stumbled to a 0-0 draw away against Romania on a terrible pitch, but with Bosnia beating Belarus 1-0 the French have just a point advantage over them.



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Olazabal 'saddened' by absence of stars at Seve Trophy

SPAIN --(AFP)Ryder Cup captain Jose Maria Olazabal is saddened some of Europe's leading golfers, and those expected to be the backbone of next year's European team in Medinah, have made themselves unavailable for next week's Seve Trophy.

The two 10-men teams were announced Tuesday by the European Tour and missing from the lists were three of the world's top four golfers Luke Donald, Martin Kaymer and Rory McIlroy.

Also electing not to compete in the Great Britain & Ireland v Continental Europe clash at Saint-Nom-la-Breteche in France are former US Open champion Graeme McDowell, England's Paul Casey and Sweden's Robert Karlsson.

"I'm sad that all our top players are not going to be playing in the Vivendi Seve Trophy after his death this year," said Olazabal as he practiced Tuesday at Hilversum, venue for this week's Dutch Open.

'But I also know that with the top players in the world they do have their commitments like the FedEx Cup in America, getting world ranking points and in Luke Donald's case trying to finish top of both the European and US money lists.

"So they cannot appear at every event, and I am sorry they won't be there but because I understand their situation I certainly will not hold it against them at the Ryder Cup in a year's time."

Olazabal's choice of Paul McGinley as defending GBR & IRL captain is seen by the Spaniard as a litmus test of his leadership capabilities ahead of the likelihood of the 2014 Ryder Cup captaincy.

Olazabal picked Frenchman Jean Van de Velde to take charge of Continental

McGinley commented: "I am delighted that Darren (Clarke), Lee (Westwood) and (Ian) Poulter are playing as it will bring a heightened level of interest and excitement to the tournament," said McGinley.

"And from a Tour point of view, and with my Tournament Committee hat on, it all goes well for the future of the event that Lee, Darren and Poulter are playing.

"But looking at both sides, Jean's side looks stronger and they will be favourites. However that's okay as were underdogs last time and we won by five points."

McGinley would not be drawn into discussion on McIlroy or McDowell not competing next week.

"I'm not going to comment, so don't drag me into that, and besides I'm not going to criticise any players not playing next week," said McGinley.









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Last-gasp Pazzini sends Italy to Euro 2012



Italian Giancarlo Pazzini (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring against Slovenia during their Euro 2012 qualifying round match at Artemio Franchi stadium in Florence on September 6, 2011. Italy won the match 1-0. AFP PHOTO

FLORENCE (AFP) - Substitute Giampaolo Pazzini scored a late goal to lift the gloom around the Stadio Artemio Franchi here on Tuesday and send Italy to the European Championships next year with a 1-0 win over Slovenia.

Until that moment the Azzurri looked to be heading for a frustrating night and the need for another point to secure their path to Poland and Ukraine.

But a defensive mix-up between Marko Suler and Bostjan Cesar left Pazzini to smash home from five yards.

They now have an unassailable lead atop qualifying Group C despite Serbia's win over the Faroe Islands.

But the three points will do little to paper over the cracks of another largely uninspiring performance against poor opponents, in which Italy should have sealed victory long before Pazzini's goal.

Coach Cesare Prandelli put the victory down to courage.

"It was the victory of courage. We dominated in midfield but couldn't break through and that's why I went to three forwards (in the second half)," he told RAI TV.

"It was difficult to find intensity, they kept things very tight but all we needed was a goal to create more space and you saw that after we scored."

Prandelli also defended the pitifully poor attendance of just 18,000 people.

"It's not because they don't care it's just a strange time but we'll try to attract more people through our performances," he added.

Just as they had done in the Faroes on Friday, Italy started at breakneck speed, creating their first chance within 60 seconds as Giuseppe Rossi beat a dawdling backline only for Jasmin Handanovic to save his powerful finish with his feet.

Playing in his home stadium, Riccardo Montolivo ghosted into the box to drift a header wide from Federico Balzaretti's cross and then Daniele De Rossi latched onto Montolivo's pass but shanked his effort wide.

All that was within the first six minutes.

Rossi screwed wide after being set up by Antonio Cassano following more good play from Montolivo and then Thiago Motta failed to get significant purchase on his shot from Cassano's chip over the top.

Italy's worst miss came from De Rossi as he somehow failed to turn in Montolivo's centre from two yards out with the goal at his mercy.

The defensive Slovenians created little but did twice bring Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon into the game from fierce strikes by Dare Vrsic and Robert Koren.

The hosts finally burst into life midway through the half as De Rossi was denied twice in quick succession, first in an almighty goalmouth scramble and then from close range from a right-wing cross.

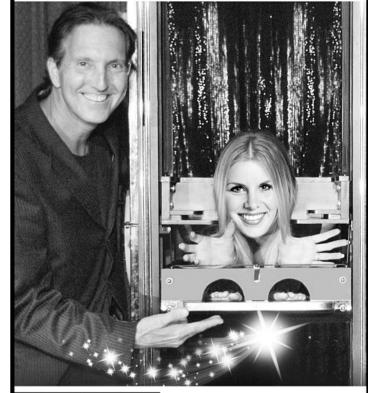
But the visitors then almost committed suicide with Suler's awful backpass producing an even worse attempt to control from Handanovic who then had to make a sliding tackle to deny Pazzini an open goal.

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I believe I'm number one, says Serena



NEW YORK (AFP) - Serena Williams, is comfortably the most dangerous 28th seed in US Open history.

The American star, a winner of 13 Grand Slam singles titles, is playing at such a modest seeding due to the 11 months she spent out of action fighting injury and a lifethreatening illlness.

"I believe I am the best and I think a lot of other girls in the locker room believe they are, too, as they should. But if you're talking about self belief, then yeah," said Williams, when asked if she did not feel like the 28th seed. "My goal is always to win the tournaments and the ranking will come because for me it's about titles and stuff like that. You can't take the ranking with you when you retire, but you can definitely take the titles and the trophies."





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US Open washout leaves Rafa, Murray in limbo

NEW YORK -- Defending champion Rafael Nadal and world number four Andy Murray were among the stars left in limbo Tuesday as rain washed out all play at the US Open.

Nadal -- no stranger to weather disruptions after repeated delays prolonged his path to completion of a career Grand Slam here last year -- had been scheduled to face Luxembourg's Gilles Muller for a quarter-final berth.

Murray had been set to open play on the Arthur Ashe Stadium against Donald Young at 11am, but about 2 1/2 hours after that officials of the US Tennis Association announced they were can-

celling both the day and night sessions.

"Cancelled," was fourthseeded Murray's succinct comment on the social networking site Twitter.

On the eve of the tournament, Murray had expressed his surprise that the playing surfaces were not covered.

"I don't understand why they don't just have covers. I heard that if they have covers, something to do with the paint on the court and the moisture... the court can lose color or something," said Murray. "I'm sure they are think-

"I'm sure they are thinking about doing something, but like most things, it takes a bit of time to push it through, I guess."

The USTA issued a jampacked order of play for Wednesday, featuring the four men's last-16 matches postponed from Tuesday and two men's quarter-finals and all four women's quarter-finals.

Other men's fourth-round

matches postponed from Tuesday were fifth-seeded David Ferrer's clash with America's former world number one Andy Roddick, and 12th-seeded Frenchman Gilles Simon against 28thseeded American John Isner.

Two women's quarter-fi-

nals rescheduled from Tuesday were world number two Vera Zvonareva against ninth-seeded Australian Samantha Stosur and 26th-seeded Italian Flavia Pennetta against unseeded German Angelique Kerber.



